



## ***ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT*** **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **CITY OF SAN DIEGO SEARCHES FOR LOCAL COMPANIES TO NAME TOP RECYCLERS**

*Applications for the City's 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Waste Reduction and Diversion Awards Program  
Are Available Now*

**San Diego, CA** – Does your business or organization recycle? If so, you could win the City of San Diego's *Recycler of the Year Award* or the *Director's Recycling Award*. Each year, the City's Environmental Services Department (ESD) selects businesses and organizations located in the City that have implemented or expanded innovative and successful waste reduction, recycling and recycled product purchasing programs. The Recycler of the Year Award winners will be honored at a Special Event on April 16, 2009.

“More than 20 percent of all waste that ends up in our Miramar Landfill is paper that could have been recycled and half of that waste is generated by commercial businesses,” said Mayor Jerry Sanders. “We honor the companies and organizations that take the initiative and develop recycling and waste reduction programs because we see them as leaders that are setting an example for others to follow,” he said.

Recycling award applications are due by Friday, February 20, 2009. Award applications can be downloaded from [www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/advantage.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/recycling/advantage.shtml) or obtained by calling Martha Espinola at 858-573-1242. Completed recycling award applications must be faxed to 858-492-5089, e-mailed to [MPEspinola@sandiego.gov](mailto:MPEspinola@sandiego.gov) or mailed to:

City of San Diego  
Environmental Services Department  
Attention: Martha Espinola  
9601 Ridgehaven Court, Suite 320  
San Diego, CA 92123

The Environmental Services Department provides local businesses with assistance in developing waste reduction and recycling programs with a free comprehensive waste analysis. For more information about ESD's programs, call 858-694-7000, or visit the website at [www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/)

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